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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Leverenz, et al.

IMPROVED COATINGS FOR
CUTTING TOOLS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222
January 8, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants, in accordance with the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advise the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the reference(s) listed on the accompanying form PTO 1449 "Information Disclosure Citation". A copy of each reference cited therein is herewith enclosed. Applicants believe that the instant

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Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") fully complies with the disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, as revised effective March 16, 1992, inasmuch as under revised rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 there is no requirement for Applicants to explain the relevance of the English language references cited in the IDS. Furthermore, there is no representation that this reference is prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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